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Statement

The NGOs Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare (NCLSW) provides awareness raising and capacity building in specifically selected area, where there is a high need and lack of satisfactory services. NCLSW's work focuses on:

- Women's empowerment, as promoted by the SDGs, including through informal education, overcoming illiteracy and innumeracy, and provision of vocational training in the fields of tailoring, sewing, embroidery, knitting and designing, kitchen gardening and maintaining poultry. Bringing women together also encourages social interaction, the development of self-confidence, and communication and cooperation skills.
- Developing linkages and coordinating with education, health, agriculture and vocational training institutions. Interactions with such institutions help in terms of enrolling women in specialized institutions after they acquire basic skills.
- NCLSW coordinates with national and international NGOs to raise awareness in the communities, help persons with disabilities and facilitate access to basic and specialized services. NCLSW coordinates with other organizations and facilitates distribution of walking aids and chairs to persons with disabilities.
- Awareness raising in the field of health, reproductive health including family planning and HIV/AIDS and human rights. NCLSW works to establish linkages with health institutions for early referral and reducing neonatal, infant, child and maternal mortality.
- NCLSW is working at community level through Citizens Community Board (CCB), Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Village Development Committees (VDCs).
- Capacity building and training in humanistic, participatory philosophy of community development and women empowerment.

NCLSW Program:

1. Literate Pakistan Programme
2. Better Education for All (BEFA) Foundation Pakistan[e]
3. Social Mobilization and Community Organization
4. Gender development, women empowerment and skill building
5. Education Awareness and non-formal education
6. Health Care Promotion and Re-Productive Health